

Revenue earned by AAI

1682. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going ahead with its plans to lease out the international airports in the four metros, Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai, even though the traffic revenue earned by the AAI has crossed Rs. 1000 crores;

(b) whether it is also a fact that AAI's profit for the year 2000-2001 was Rs. 217 crores, a marginal increase from Rs. 211 crores last year; and

(c) if so, the future plans of the AAI for upgrading and developing airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government has decided to restructure selected airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) through long term lease to bring the standard of services at par with international standards; to improve management culture, efficiency and overall productivity; to unlock the potential for economic benefits arising out of well-managed airports; and to attract private investment required for achieving the above objectives.

(c) Development and upgradation of other airports would continue to be undertaken by AAI as per requirements. The lease rentals from leasing of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata airports will, *inter alia*, be utilised for such development/upgradation.

NOCs to Air Taxi Operators

1683. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given No Objection Certificates to several non-scheduled Air Taxi Operators (ATOs) during the last two years;

(b) if so, the names of the ATOs who have been granted NOCs and how many applications are still pending;

(c) whether some of the ATOs have been granted permits to import small aircrafts and choppers; and